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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: CASC YO (SJEKLOCHA, PAUL)  
SUBJ: TRIAL OF PAUL SJEKLOCHA

REF: BELGRADE 8465 & 8511

1. TRIAL OF PAUL SJEKLOCHA WAS HELD ON FEB 22. BOTH CONOFF AND MRS. SJEKLOCHA ATTENDED. CHARGES FILED ARE UNDER ARTICLE 232A OF YUGOSLAV CRIMINAL CODE, ISSUING AND PASSING BAD CHECKS, WHICH CARRIES SENTENCE OF FROM ONE TO TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT IF INTENT TO DEFRAUD IS SHOWN.

2. A VERDICT HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED. CONTINUATION OF TRIAL NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18, OSTENSIBLY TO ALLOW FOR SUBMISSION OF ANY NEW EVIDENCE AND FOR TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS BEARING ON THE CASE WHICH ARE IN ENGLISH. IT IS PROBABLE THAT DELIVERY OF VERDICT AND SENTENCING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THAT TIME.

3. ALTHOUGH SJEKLOCHA HAS CLAIMED THAT HIS INSUFFICIENT-FUND CHECKS ARE NOT "THE REAL REASON" FOR HIS ARREST, NO OTHER MATTER WERE BROUGHT UP AT THE TRIAL. SJEKLOCHA HAS REFUSED TO STATE WHAT THESE OTHER REASONS MIGHT BE. AT CLOSE OF TUESDAY'S TRIAL JUDGE PUBLICLY ADVISED DEFENSE ATTORNEY THAT THE YUGOSLAV GOVT'S INTEREST IN THE CASE IS THE MONEY INVOLVED.  
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